POULSBO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH - WEEKLY NEWS FOR MARCH 17, 2024

Ruth said [to Naomi], "...Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge." ~Ruth 1:16b

Prayers for healing, health & peace for Ariel, Ian & Jacob, Cynthia, Christina, Samantha, Tara and family, Dani's grandfather; Talia, Nick & baby, Becky; Curtis, Zachary, Trevor, Missy, Whitney; Eddie, Al Pitt; Ron & Mary Whitney, Sara & Michael Serwacki, Sean & Arielle McLaughlin; Karla, Chris, Arlene, Karen, Cyndi, Joanne; Kathy & Ron, Mike, Jeff, Jackie; Ann & Dennis, Milt & Donna, the Prentice family, Yolanda's family, Options; Anicka, Joanna & Ted, Annette, Kelly, Joyce & Bruce; Molly, Chelsea; Greg, Chase, Chandler, Cortland, Kristin & Lucas, Kathy, Glendi, Virginia, Gene & Marilyn; Debbie, Melony, Jeff K., Jeff & Nancy, Dianne Z.; Cody, Naomi, Stella, Bill; Pat, Annette, Jim, Ann, Jodi, Crystal; Steve, Mark, Leslie.

Prayers:

- ▼ For our nation as we decide leadership.
- ♥ For Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and a Gaza ceasefire.
- For all those with invisible disabilities, especially those which have gone undiagnosed.
- ▼ For our church families. This week we pray for: Jay & Karrie Stemmler; Brent & Jeanna Stenman; Gordon Stenman; Kristan Stenman; Carol Stubb.
- ▼ For our resident at Island Rehab: Lynnea Heerman.
- For Roland Sanchez and the crew of the USS Nimitz; for Simon Grey and the crew of the USS America; the crew of the USS Ohio; for the crew of the USS John C. Stennis; for the crew of the USS Carl Vinson; for Lou (Rachel) DeMarco at NBK-Bangor; for Chris Gracey at Air Station Port Angeles; for Will Gratz, Rory, and Anthony in the Army; Josh and John in the Marine Corps; for Roy in the Air Force Reserve.
- ▼ For those who serve in leadership of the ELCA, especially Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop Pro Tempore Rev. Michael Burk, Bishop Rick Jaech of the Southwestern Washington Synod, President Robin Steinke of Luther Seminary, President Allan Belton of Pacific Lutheran University.

Sympathies to

- † Linda Romstad and family at the death of her husband, Roy, on February 25.
- † Jim Almond and family at the death of his sister, Cheryl Almond, on March 6.
- † Lisa Miller and family at the death of her father on March 11.

PFLC Happenings this week:

- March 17 at 11:45am Faith Education See announcement below for locations
- March 18 at 9:00am Monday Morning Ministry (MMM) in the Social Hall
- March 19 at 10:00am Quilters in the Fireside Room
- March 19 at 6:30pm Bible & Brew at Western Red Brewing new location
- March 20 at 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper in the Social Hall
- March 20 at 6:15pm Lenten worship in the sanctuary and online
- March 20 at 7:00pm Cathedral Choir in the sanctuary
- March 21 at 5:00pm Bell Ensemble in the sanctuary
- March 21 at 7:00pm Council via Zoom
- March 23 at 3:00pm Lila Thorson memorial service



Holy Week Schedule:

- March 24, 9:00am & 10:30am Palm Sunday worship with procession of palms
- March 28, 12:15pm & 7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship with handwashing and communion
- March 29, 12:15pm & 7:00pm Good Friday
- March 31, 6:30am Easter Sunrise worship beginning in the cemetery
- March 31, 9:00am & 10:30am Easter Festival worship
- March 31, 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt, meet on the front steps of the church

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Live your faith with others:

Online giving portal -

Giving to the ministries supported by PFLC can be done through pflc.org's Tithe.ly portal, Venmo, Paypal, or by check. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving! Your generosity continues to make God's kin-dom known in the world.



- **Our monthly benevolence focus** for March is Kitsap Community Resources (KCR), which assists people with housing, financial counseling, utilities, employment, parenting, and so much more.
- **Faith Education:** Sunday morning faith formation begins at 11:30. Adults are studying "Worship: Why we do what we do" in the sanctuary while kids and kids-at-heart meet in room 201 to ask questions and tell stories of faith.
- **Mid-week Lenten Soup and Worship** continues on Wednesday evenings. Soup supper begins at 5:30pm in the Social Hall followed by worship in the sanctuary and online at 6:15pm. This year's theme is "Jesus and Justice in the parables in Mark." We are using the *Light of Life* service by Bonnie Drewes.
- ** At Easter, we will be decorating the church with beautiful spring flowers (no lilies please). If you wish to provide flowers, please bring them to the church by Good Friday, March 29, marked with your name so you can pick up your flowers after the 10:30am Easter Worship service. If you prefer that your plant be taken to shut-ins, please label it for "donation". Let Melinda know if the plants are provided in honor or in memory of someone by emailing her at welcome@pflc.org.
- Yes! There will be an **Easter egg hunt** on Sunday, March 31 at 10am. Donations of small toys and individually wrapped candies are greatly appreciated and can be left in the church office. Thank you.
- **Take me out to the ballgame!** We have seats still available for the June 1st Mariners game against the Angels. Tickets are only \$10! You can sign up on the bulletin board or by emailing pauldavis@pflc.org
- Registration is now open for PFLC's all-ages summer camp at Olympic Lutherhaven the weekend of July 26-28. More details can be found in the Grapevine, on the bulletin board, or by emailing pauldavis@pflc.org.

Do God's work in God's kin-dom:

- ** Cece Sanchez is partnering with Support the Enlisted Project for a diaper drive to benefit young military families. A collection box is in the narthex through Easter for your donations.
- **Help on Sunday mornings:** There are sign-up sheets with descriptions of each volunteer position at the table in the back of the sanctuary or in the narthex.
- **PFLC is looking to donate** a working condition Riso machine to another non-profit. If you know of a local group that could use it, please contact the church office.
- Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) uses your support to assist with disaster response and recovery. They are on the ground with assistance in the Holy Land especially at Augusta Victoria hospital providing housing for Gazans who cannot return home after dialysis treatments. Go to ELCA Disaster Response to learn more about the ELCA's helpful hands in these emergencies and to donate. As always, 100% of your donation will go to onsite help. Administration costs are covered by our regular offerings.

Justice and Serving:

- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is responding to the refugees fleeing Ukraine and those fleeing from Afghanistan by supporting the organizations in neighboring countries caring for the refugees. If you feel called by Jesus to help, go to LIRS.org and click the "donate" button. Your donation is tax deductible.
- **Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW)** also aids in settling and relocating refugees and immigrants. Offices in SeaTac. Go to https://lcsnw.org for more information.

** Denotes new announcement

Bible Study Resources:

God Pause, www.luthersem.edu/email
Working Preacher, www.workingpreacher.org

Enter the Bible, www.enterthebible.org
Lift Up Your Hearts, www.worship.ca

Church Office, 360-779-2622, welcome@pflc.org

